

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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February 25, 2003

FROM: KEN A. MILLER, Director
Department of Public Works - **Transportation**

**SUBJECT: CEQA EXEMPTION FOR THE MONTEREY AVENUE SIDEWALK
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE SAN BERNARDINO AREA**

RECOMMENDATION: (1) Find that the Monterey Avenue Sidewalk Construction Project is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Class 1, Section 15301(c) {Minor Alterations}; and (2) Approve the project as defined in the Notice of Exemption and direct the Clerk of the Board to post the Notice of Exemption.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This is a Safe Routes to School (SR2S) project which will provide concrete sidewalk, curb, gutter, parkway, and roadway paving improvements on the north side of Monterey Avenue between Pedley Road and Whitlock Avenue (a distance of 0.2 miles). These improvements will provide a safe walkway separated from traffic for people walking in this area to and from Monterey Elementary School. All work will be performed within the existing road right-of-way and within Temporary Rights of Entry to be obtained where construction forces may temporarily occupy adjoining properties. Environmental staff of the Planning Division of the Land Use Services Department has reviewed this item and recommended a categorical exemption for this project. This project qualifies for an exemption in accordance with CEQA guidelines Section 15301(c). An exempt project allows for minor repairs and alterations with negligible expansion of the existing use. As such, when the Board considers the environmental findings, the filing of a Notice of Exemption is required.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed by Deputy County Counsel Charles S. Scolastico on February 4, 2003 and by the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst) on February 13, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The action to find the project categorically exempt has minimal financial impact. A separate item will be brought to the Board to approve the plans, specifications, and to authorize advertisement for bids for construction of the project. The total project cost is estimated at \$100,000, which will be financed by Federal SR2S funds included in the Fiscal Year 2002/2003 Transportation Budget (SAA-TRA-TRA-HF0022).

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): 5th

PRESENTER: Ken A. Miller, 387-7906

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